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SUBJECT: STUDENT VIOLENCE: TWO POLICEMEN WOUNDED

1. TWO POLICEMEN WERE WOUNDED, ONE OF THEM SERIOUSLY AS THEY WERE PURSUING LEFTIST STUDENTS AT ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY ON DECEMBER 15. ONE OF APPROXIMATELY 90 PERSONS DETAINED AFTER SHOOTING REPORTEDLY IS SUSPECTED OF INVOLVEMENT IN DECEMBER 7 KILLING OF TRAFFIC POLICEMAN (ISTANBUL4744). SCIENCES FACULTY, WHERE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN LEFTIST AND RIGHTIST STUDENTS SET STAGE FOR LATER EXCHANGE OF FIRE WITH POLICE, WAS CLOSED.

2. SAME DAY AT ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY'S LAW FACULTY--WHERE NEWSPAPERS REPORT RIGHT-WING "COMMANDOS" OCCUPY BUILDING--THREE STUDENTS WERE ARRESTED AFTER "CLASH BETWEEN GROUPS HOLDING OPOSING VIEWS"--EUPHEMISM USED BY MORE OBJECTIVE NEWSPAPERS TO DESCRIBE USUALLY BLOODY SET-TO'S BETWEEN LEFT - AND RIGHT-WING STUDENTS WHICH HAVE BECOME ALMOST DAILY OCCURENCE. DESPITE FREQUENT INCIDENTS SINCE IT REOPENED DECEMBER 13, ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY WITH MASSIVE POLICE SECURITY HAS DEFIED ONE PROFESSOR'S SARDONIC PREDICTION THAT HIS CLASSES WOULD "OPEN ON MONDAY AND CLOSE ON TUESDAY", AND WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXCEPTION OF SCIENCES FACULTY, MANAGED TO KEEP ITS DOORS OPEN. IF INCIDETNS CONTINUE TO ESCALATE NEXT WEEK, HOWEVER, THE CAMPUS COULD WELL BE SHUT DOWN AGAIN.

3. MEANWHILE, IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT CITY'S SECOND LARGEST UNIVERSITY, ISTANBUL TECHNICAL (ITU) WILL START CLASSES JANUARY 24.

ITU HAS IN PAST BEEN PARTICULARLY VOLATILE CAMPUS; ITS RE-OPENING,  
THEREFORE, OFFERS PROSPECT OF WIDENING AS WELL AS ESCALATING  
CURRENT SPATE OF STUDENT VIOLENCE.

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